

HOUSE No. 2825

By Mr. Rodrigues of Westport, petition of Michael J. Rodrigues relative to the holding of public hearings before children are discharged from the Massachusetts Hospital School. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DISCHARGE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITAL SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 62M of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
- 3 the word “school” in line 7, the following words:— ; provided
- 4 however, that no discharge shall occur before a full and fairing
- 5 hearing in which the child and his parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- 6 are present and have received written notice at least 7 days prior
- 7 to the date of the hearing.